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Dear CM/ECF User, Registrant, Participant, or Licensee:

This communication contains information about the CM/ECF system. Although this information is posted on the Court's website (www.moeb.uscourts.gov), I will continue to periodically distribute this digest of the information that may have immediate value for your practice.

LOCAL RULES REVISION. Consistent with our intention to periodically revisit Local Rules and Procedures, the Court has formalized the amendment process. A standing Advisory Committee has been formed to review suggestions for amendments to the Local Rules. The Committee's recommendations to the Court will include any action necessary to conform and update practice and procedure. A time line for action and a list of Committee Members are posted on the Court's internet home page. Your comments are encouraged. A form for submitting comments is available on the Court's website at:

www.moeb.uscourts.gov/lrac/larc_comments.html

RULE 2016(b) STATEMENTS. Local Rule 2016-1 requires an attorney to file the 2016(b) statement at the commencement of a case. Other events are keyed to the prompt filing of this statement. Therefore, the Judges have directed strict compliance with this rule. Failure to file the statement on time may result in dismissal of the case without further notice or hearing.

QUALITY ASSURANCE E-MAILS. In the past, the Court has sent an e-mail to filers to notify them of a quality assurance error. Mindful of the volume of e-mail received by registered users, the Court is eliminating the informal e-mail notice procedure. New, standardized deficiency notices will now be transmitted when such an error is identified. Although the deficiency notice will be sent via e-mail, many practitioners process such information separately, thus reducing the number of e-mails that must be opened and reviewed before forwarding.

ACCURACY. We continue to emphasize Accuracy and Correctness. For example, numerous problems are created when the debtor information that opens a file in the Clerk's office is inconsistent with the information that appears on the filed documents (the PDF). It is impossible for the Clerk to accurately interpret the filer's intention when a file is opened under Chapter 7, but the supporting PDF reflects an intention to commence a Chapter 13 case. Please continue to double check computer entries and document filings for Accuracy and Correctness.

EVENT PATHWAY DIRECTORY. In response to Practitioners' requests for a master listing of CM/ECF events, the Court has created the "CM/ECF Pathway Directory". Please search this list for events used in this Court, and their location on the CM/ECF menu. The Directory can be accessed at the Court's website at

www.moeb.uscourts.gov/cmecf/pdfs/epd_oct1.pdf